

SAFETEA-LU: Ferries

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Ferries - Nationwide

Ferry Boat Discretionary program is continued with funding increased to \$323m over six years (\$190m in TEA-21).

- \$120m (\$20m annually) is set aside for Alaska (\$10m), New Jersey (\$5m) and Washington State (\$5m) (same as TEA-21).
- \$203m authorized over six years for appropriations earmarking (\$70m in TEA-21).
- Funding priority to projects that (in order):
 - provide critical access to areas not well served by other modes;
 - carry greatest number of passengers and vehicles;
 - carry the largest number of passengers in passenger-only service.
- Eligible recipients are publicly owned or operated, or majority publicly owned, ferry systems. Public-private partnerships are eligible for funding.
- National ferry database created to document size of ferry systems.

Ferries – Nationwide funding

Dollars in millions

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Total Authorized	\$38	\$38	\$55	\$60	\$65	\$67	\$323
Minus 3-state setaside (Alaska, New Jersey, Washington)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$120
Remaining for annual appropriations earmarking	\$18	\$18	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$47	\$203

- Alaska, New Jersey and Washington are eligible for annual earmarks in addition to their setaside funding.
- Increased nationwide funding and new policy language regarding funding priorities should increase WSF's competitiveness for annual earmarks in '06 –'09.

Ferry-related project funding

\$18,398,800 for 5 projects

<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
Snohomish	4,848,800	Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal
King	5,800,000	Seattle Multimodal terminal redevelopment and expansion*
Kitsap	2,500,000	Bainbridge Multimodal terminal improvements
Kitsap	5,000,000	Southworth terminal redevelopment
Wahkiakum	250,000	Wahkiakum county ferry landing improvements

\$30,000,000 for WSF projects

Puget Sound	30,000,000	WSF vessel and terminal preservation (\$5m distributed annually)
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\$25,000,000 non-guaranteed for WSF projects

Puget Sound	30,000,000	WSF vessel construction (funding is subject to FTA approval and requires future Congressional appropriation of funding)
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* Received two or more earmarks.

Note: Final project amounts will be reduced due to subsequent Congressional and USDOT actions.